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Subject: Pricing Updates to the Prescription Drug Program

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide reimbursement updates to the Medical Assistance Administration's (MAA) Prescription Drug Program.

**Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) Updates
(Effective for dates of service on and after June 1, 2002)**

Drug Name	Strength	Form	MAC Per Unit
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The following drugs are REMOVED from the MAC list

Neomycin Sulfate	500MG	TABLET
Procainamide HCL	500MG	CAPSULE
Procainamide HCL	500MG	TABLET SA
Procainamide HCL	750MG	TABLET SA

The following drugs are ADDED to the MAC list:

Fluoxetine*	40MG	CAPSULE	\$2.32780
Fluoxetine	20MG	CAPSULE	\$0.09466
Fluoxetine	20MG	TABLET	\$0.60590
Fluoxetine	10MG	CAPSULE	\$0.09530
Fluoxetine	10MG	TABLET	\$0.09430
Fluoxetine	20MG/5ML	SOLUTION	\$0.65800
Lorazepam	0.5MG	TABLET	\$0.09815
Lorazepam	1MG	TABLET	\$0.10300
Lorazepam	2MG	TABLET	\$0.16810
Metformin HCL	1000MG	TABLET	\$0.28100
Metformin HCL	850MG	TABLET	\$0.22887
Metformin HCL	500 MG	TABLET	\$0.16923

* MAA is requesting voluntary participation of all pharmacists in dispensing less expensive medication when there are variations in the cost per mg. With approval of the prescriber, please fill prescriptions for "Fluoxetine 40 mg" capsules with two 20 mg capsules. **Exact dosing must be clearly explained and emphasized as part of client counseling when the medication is dispensed.**

The following drugs received a **RATE CHANGE**:

Drug Name	Strength	Form	MAC Per Unit
Albuterol Sulfate	2MG	TABLET	\$0.04500
Albuterol Sulfate	4MG	TABLET	\$0.07313
Albuterol Sulfate	90 MCG	AEROSOL	\$0.59000
Aspirin/Caffeine/Butalbital		TABLET	\$0.35280
Aspirin/Caffeine/Butalbital		CAPSULE	\$0.53140
Benztropine Mesylate	0.5MG	TABLET	\$0.08940
Benztropine Mesylate	1MG	TABLET	\$0.10000
Benztropine Mesylate	2MG	TABLET	\$0.12597
Butalbital/Apap/Caffeine		TABLET	\$0.18859
Cephalexin Monohydrate	125MG/5ML	100ML SOL	\$0.08652
Cephalexin Monohydrate	125MG/5ML	200ML SOL	\$0.05932
Cephalexin Monohydrate	250MG/5ML	100ML SOL	\$0.10300
Cephalexin Monohydrate	250MG/5ML	200ML SOL	\$0.08555
Clozapine	25MG	TABLET	\$0.64940
Clozapine	100MG	TABLET	\$1.44000
Diazepam	5MG	TABLET	\$0.04480
Diffunisal	500MG	TABLET	\$0.67280
Dipyridamole	50MG	TABLET	\$0.09600
Haloperidol	10MG	TABLET	\$0.13204
Hydrocodone Bit/Acetaminophen	5-500MG	TABLET	\$0.06390
Hydrocortisone	2.50%	LOTION	\$0.45470
Indomethacin	75MG	CAPSULE	\$0.55637
Metoclopramide	10MG	TABLET	\$0.10950
Minoxidil	2.5MG	TABLET	\$0.19320
Neomycin/Polymyxin/Gramicidin		EYE DROPS	\$1.71200
Prazosin HCL	2MG	CAPSULE	\$0.22010
Prednisolone Acetate	1%	EYE DROPS	\$0.95241
Psyllium Seed/Dextrose		POWDER	\$0.00771
Quinidine Sulfate	200MG	TABLET	\$0.19400
Quinidine Sulfate	300MG	TABLET	\$0.31980
Quinine Sulfate	325MG	CAPSULE	\$0.10450
Selenium Sulfide	2.5%	SHAMPOO	\$0.03510
Sodium Fluoride	1MG	TABLET	\$0.01854

Note: The unit cost relates to the form in which the drug is distributed (e.g., per tablet or capsule, milliliter, gram, packet, or vial). The reimbursement rate listed for each drug entity applies to brand as well as generic products. Pharmacists who dispense the brand product without prior authorization (based on medical necessity) will receive the MAC reimbursement.

The MAC fee schedule is to be used for pricing information only. Drugs listed in this fee schedule are subject to prior authorization or other coverage rules contained in MAA's Prescription Drug Program Billing Instructions.

Bill MAA your usual and customary charge using the complete 11-digit NDC from the dispensing container. Reimbursement will be the lesser of: 1) the MAC plus dispensing fee; 2) the Federal Upper Limit (FUL) plus dispensing fee; or 3) the billed charge.

To obtain MAA's provider publications electronically, go to MAA's website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov> (click on the Provider Publications/Fee Schedules link).



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